

Date: January 28, 2005

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

#### A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

Andy Rockas, an attorney with 10 years of civil practice experience ranging from workers compensation to legal malpractice defense, has joined the Commission's Legal Division. A graduate of UC Berkeley and McGeorge School of Law, Rockas' interest in election campaigns and political reform were piqued during a stint as a journalist in Santiago, Chile, prior to attending law school

Emelyn Rodriguez is another former journalist who has agreed to join the Commission's Legal Division as an attorney. Also a graduate of UC Berkeley, Ms. Rodriguez attending UC Davis' King Hall for her legal studies, and has served in various internships, including one with the California First Amendment Coalition.

Commission Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra has volunteered to transfer to the Enforcement Division to help meet the need created by three recent departures. Natalie will begin working in Enforcement following the March Commission meeting.

#### B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division's Carla Wardlow and Lynda Cassady provided ethics training to lobbyists in December and January. Chairman Randolph also spoke at those ethics seminars.

The Public Education Unit is finishing up the Annual Report edition of the *Bulletin*, and is updating various pamphlets, including "Can I Vote."

Enforcement Division Chief Steve Russo attended a meeting of the California District Attorneys Association's public corruption unit in late January.

### C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last Commission meeting, I have approved the following codes/amendments:

Friant Water Authority

### D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

**Kevin Dunigan, FPPC No. 04/110.** On December 23, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent, a member Inglewood Planning Commission, failed to timely file a 2003 annual statement of economic interests, in violation of section 87200 of the Government Code (1 Count).

**Consumers and Their Attorneys, Yes on Proposition 30, FPPC No. 00/101.** On December 31, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that Respondent, a state ballot measure committee primarily formed to oppose the referendum to overturn the Fair Insurance Responsibility Act in the March 2000 statewide primary election, failed to disclose required sub-vendor information on five campaign statements, in violation of section 84303 of the Government Code (5 counts).

### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

There were none.